

in prison and a 300,000 peso fine; Alfredo Peters Orozco Zarraga has a 7-year prison term and 600,000 pesos in fines for acting as an accomplice and for the sale of cocaine.

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FUGITIVE TRAFFICKER CAPTURED IN SALTILLO

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[Text] After he had been sought for 3 years by the Federal Judicial Police because two suits had been brought against him in the second district court for crimes against health, Francisco Coss Martinez, aged 45, was captured in Saltillo, Coahuila, and taken to this town.

Yesterday, Coss Martinez made his preliminary statement in the federal court, and denied the charges made against him by the public ministry of purchasing, possessing, exporting and trafficking in marijuana.

The drug trafficker claimed, in his statements, that there is serious confusion regarding his identity, and that it is his brothers, Luis and Jose Coss Martinez, who had been engaged in the illegal business during previous years.

The suits brought against the Coahuila resident are filed in the second court, and are Nos 161 and 162-981.

In their reports, the judicial police state that, on 3 August 1981, they seized a 1975 model stake body truck containing a shipment of marijuana, bearing the company name that identified Francisco Coss Martinez.

The drugs were to be carried to Laredo, Texas, at the site known as La Antena, on the Rio Bravo. On that occasion, the brothers Luis and Jose were arrested and, in their statements to the Federal Judicial Police per se and to the public ministry, they identified their brother as the brains of the ring.

In another trial, he was identified by Juan Jesus Fuentes, aged 35, as the man who had delivered a grass similar to peyote to him, so that he could come to this border and find a customer for it.

On that date, 31 July, he could not contact anyone, because he was apprehended on the bus with the shipment.

He claimed that Pedro Coss had assigned him to Nuevo Laredo. Despite these charges, Francisco Coss said that he was "innocent," because he is engaged in growing vegetables and livestock, and does not need to resort to drug trafficking.

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